

## **Supporting You**

When you apply to college you will have the opportunity to discuss your own needs and have your say in what types of support you would like.

Everyone is different and college staff will listen to you to understand how best to support you during your time at college, while encouraging you to grow your independence and confidence.

College support staff are all trained to support you in the way that works for you while helping you to develop practical life skills in a caring and supportive environment.

## What types of support will be available to me?

All learners have access to universal learning provision offered within each college. Those who have additional learning needs require a higher level of support so that they can make progress on their course.

You will be supported at all stages of your college journey. Before you enrol, the Support Team at your college will spend time getting to know you and will talk to you about your aspirations, what's important to you and how best to support you.

You will also receive support from teaching staff and personal tutors and you may also be offered extra support in the classroom, for example, through assisted technology, or you may have extra timetabled sessions, if you would like them.





Many colleges have a centre for students who have additional learning needs, where you can take a quiet break from lessons if you need to or access information on further support you might need around finance, careers or counselling.

Each college in Wales has a dedicated autism specialist who will be able to offer you one-to-one or group support if you need it.

If you need any help with personal care, mobility or other day to day tasks, your college can offer this support to you to help you get the best experience from college.

## How will I know if I am making progress?

Your progress will be reviewed regularly by teaching and support staff to help you stay on track with your course. The ALN team within the college will also regularly review your progress with you so you can discuss any issues that might be getting in the way of learning.

You can speak to the ALN coordinator at any time if you have concerns, and parents and other carers can contact the college to discuss your needs at any time.

If you would like to find out more, visit www.alnpathfinder.wales

